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LILIANA PROJECT (S200000044)  
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Ms. Patricia Darien  
Human Rights Section  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Ms. Darien:

I have been asked by Mr. Nestor C. Vogler to help obtain the release of Liliana Graciela Vogler from prison in Argentina, where she was charged and convicted of "political crimes". Mr. Vogler is a United States citizen and resident of Salt Lake City. Liliana is his niece and a citizen of Argentina. Liliana's father, Guillermo C. Vogler, is a citizen of Argentina but is residing in Salt Lake City.

Liliana was arrested at 1:30 A.M. on the morning of June 23, 1975. At that time, she was a 17-year-old university student. She was immediately imprisoned and tortured, being blindfolded and then beaten on the breasts, head and abdomen until she agreed to sign a previously drawn declaration where she admitted to having read subversive materials, along with two of her friends. She was imprisoned for three years before formal charges were brought against her and she was brought to trial. She was convicted of participating in subversive activities and for possessing explosives. She has been sentenced to nine years in prison and has spent over four years there now.

Liliana's father, Guillermo, was imprisoned later in 1975 as a means of intimidating him for his activities on behalf of his daughter. He had hired an attorney for Liliana and had tried by other legal means to obtain her release. The Vogler home was subsequently bombed twice, they believe, in an attempt to discourage any legal defense of their daughter by the parents. Guillermo Vogler's release from prison was finally obtained through the work, as I understand it, of Congressman George Miller of San Francisco, California, Mr. Fernando Rondon, then of the Human Rights Section of the Department of State, and of course yourself. Guillermo Vogler intends to take out permanent United States citizenship following sufficient residence here.

I intend to help the Vogler family in every way possible, and I would be most grateful for your assistance in facilitating the release of Liliana.

I would appreciate it if you would bring me up to date on the efforts of the Department of State and other branches of the Government to obtain Ms. Vogler's release from prison. If there are any particular directions you think I might take to be of help in this matter, please inform me. I am enclosing a résumé for any assistance it may be to you in determining how I may be of service to you and to the Vogler family in obtaining Liliana's release from prison.

Sincerely,

Edwin B. Firmage

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Professor of Law

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